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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000.  
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Head Office: 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

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RATES OF INTEREST Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £800,000

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5%

" " 6 " 4 1/2 "

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A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 925

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily

Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months, 5%

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For 3 Months, 3%

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-

ducted by the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

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\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on

FIXED DEPOSIT at 5% PER CENT. per

annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1515

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$4,200,000.

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" 12 " 5 "

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 21, 1894. 338

## Intimations.

### CHAMPAGNES.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for Messrs. ERNEST IRROY & CO., BRANDS OF CHAMPAGNE at this Port and in China:—

### CARTE D'OR.

per 6 mag. per 1 doz. qts. per 2 doz. pints.

£33.00 £31.00 £33.00

### CARTE BLANCHE.

per 6 dozen quarts. per 2 dozen pints.

£28.00 £26.00 £30.00

### CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

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### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Sole Agents for Hongkong of the ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY in LANGKAT, will henceforward have for sale Stocks of the Company's Very Superior

### CROWN BRAND OIL.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, May 31, 1894. 944

### KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 2.

### HOIHOW HARBOUR LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HOIHOW HARBOUR LIGHT was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 15th JUNE, 1894.

The illuminating apparatus is a four-sided Dioptric one of the Sixth Order showing three white flashes in rapid succession every forty-five seconds and between each group of three white flashes a single red flash.

The Lighthouse stands 464 yards South of high water mark on the Southern shore of Hollow Bay, and the Light, which is elevated 73 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in all directions where it is not obscured by land.

The Tower is round, of iron, with a total height from its base to lantern van of 22 feet.

The tower, dwellings and boundary wall are white.

Approximate position:—

Latitude 20° 1' 15" N.

Longitude 110° 16' 10" E.

### G. J. PRICE,

Acting Harbour Master.

Approved: F. S. UNWIN,  
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOMS HOUSE, KIUNGCHOW, 10th June, 1894. 1056

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
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METEOROLOGICAL

INSTRUMENTS.

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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON

PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

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JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.

JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS.

JAPAN COPYING PAPERS.

JAPAN WALL PAPERS.

&c., &c., &c.

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ORDERS to be respectfully received by the Undersigned.

MITSUI BUSSAN-KAISHA,

8, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

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for LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Special

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Apply to

Mrs. GILLANDERS,

12, 'GLENFIELD BUILDINGS',

Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2008

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
STRaits, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,  
INDIA, AIDEN, EGYPT,  
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,  
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-  
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTIN-  
ENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

The Steamship *ROHILLA*, Captain J.  
C. LONG, carrying Her Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this for  
BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 6th  
July, at noon, taking Passengers and Cargo  
for the above Ports. (This steamer con-  
nects at Bombay with the S.S. ORIENTAL,  
which Vessel takes on her Cargo for  
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving  
that port on the 27th JULY, 1894).

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,  
and Tea for London (under arrangement)  
will be transhipped at Colombo into a  
steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and  
London; other Cargo for London, &c., will  
be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office  
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The  
contents and value of all packages are  
required.

Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to  
H. B. JOSEPH,  
Superintendent.

H. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, June 21, 1894. 1000

## To-day's Advertisements.



## NOTICE.

A Special SESSIONS of Her Majesty's  
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be held  
in the JUSTICES' Room at the Magistracy  
at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon of  
MONDAY, the Second day of July, A.D.  
1894, for the purpose of considering the  
following applications from:—

(1) T. H. DONNENBERG for the Transfer  
of his Publican's Licence to sell and  
retail Intoxicating Liquors on the  
Premises situate at House No. 184,  
Queen's Road Central, under the  
sign of 'THE GLOBE HOTEL' to our  
TYSDOR SILBERMAN.

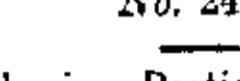
(2) SAMUEL WINBERG for the Transfer  
of his Publican's Licence to sell and  
retail Intoxicating Liquors on the  
Premises situate at House No. 290,  
Queen's Road Central, under the  
sign of 'THE ROSE, SHANROCK and  
TRINITY HOTEL' to one WILLIAM  
KRATER.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Police Magistrate.

MAGISTRACY,  
Hongkong, 23rd June, 1894. 1071



## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.



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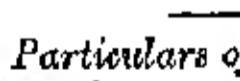
THE following Particulars of SALE of  
CROWN LAND by Public Auction,  
to be held on the Spot on MONDAY, the  
2nd day of July, 1894, at 3 p.m., are  
published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 16th June, 1894. 1072

Particulars of the Letting by Public  
Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the  
2nd day of July, 1894, at 3 p.m.,  
by Order of His Excellency the Governor  
of One Lot of Crown Land in the  
Colony of Hongkong, for a term of  
999 years.



## Particulars of the Lot.

Reg. No.	Locality	Boundary Measure- ments S. E. N. E. E. W. W. S.	Surface Area in Acres	Annual Rate	Up- Rate
Quay Bay Island Lot 4 Road	Shauki- wan Road	150 130 500 300	59,000 80	1,950	

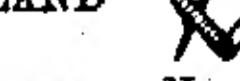
GREAT CLEARANCE SALE  
FOR CASH.  
20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON  
ALL GOODS, FURNITURE,  
&c., &c.,  
Commencing from  
26th June to 26th July, 1894.



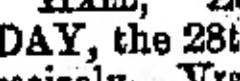
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No. 39, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, June 25, 1894. 1073

THE  
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.



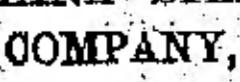
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Kuttrup*, Captain JACKSON, will be  
despatched as above  
SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 8.30 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.



Hongkong, June 25, 1894. 1074

AN Emergency MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FRASER  
MANSION'S HALL, Zetland Street, on  
THURSDAY, the 28th Instant, at 8.30 p.m.  
precisely. VISITING BRETHRENS are  
cordially invited.

Hongkong, June 25, 1894. 1077



The British steamer *Formosa* reports:  
Sailed from Yokohama June 19th, at 5.56  
p.m., had light variable winds, and fine  
weather to Breaker Point; and thence to  
port, fresh N.E. with rain. Arrived June  
24th, at 12.54 p.m. Passage 5 days, 8  
hours, 49 minutes.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—*Formosa* leaves for Swatow, &c.

4 p.m.—*Lyneham* leaves for Shanghai.

## Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Glenside* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, June 28.—  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

FRIDAY, June 29.—  
Goods per *Imatia* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

## CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 57.

ON behalf of the CHEFOO COMMISSIONER  
of CUSTOMS, the Undersigned is  
notified that the Vessel will  
commence to discharge immediately on  
arrival. Any Goods of which Consignees  
are not prepared to take delivery as soon as  
the ship is ready to discharge, will be landed  
into craft and/or into Godowns, at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

D. E. BROWN,  
General Agent.  
Hongkong, June 25, 1894. 1073

## EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG June 25, 1894.

On London—  
Bank, W<sup>r</sup>o<sup>r</sup> ... 2/11  
" on demand ... 2/13  
" 30 days sight, ... 2/18  
" 4 months sight, ... 2/18  
Credit 4 ... 2/6  
Documentary, ... 2/2

On Paris—  
Bank, ... 2/67  
Credit, 3 months sight, ... 2/72  
On Buchu—Demand, ... 2/15  
On New York—  
On demand ... 5/8  
Credit, 60 days sight, ... 5/9  
On Bombay—  
W<sup>r</sup>o<sup>r</sup> ... 103  
" on demand ... 103  
On Calcutta—  
W<sup>r</sup>o<sup>r</sup> ... 103  
" on demand ... 103  
On Shanghai—  
On demand ... 7/3  
" 30 days sight, private paper ... 7/4  
Gold Leaf, 100 lbs (per ton) ... 49.30  
Silver (100 lbs buying rate) ... 9.26  
Silver (per oz) ... 28.44

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

For HONGKONG.—  
For Phra Chula Chom Klao, at 9.30 a.m.,  
on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUL.—  
For Formosa, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,  
the 26th inst.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—  
For Canton, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,  
the 26th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—  
For Lyneham, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,  
the 26th inst.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

EMITY REED, American ship, Captain  
Simmons.—  
JAPAN, Italian barque, Capt. Bartolomeo  
Giacintino.—  
L. SCHER, American ship, Capt. Chas.  
K. Kendall.—  
TACOMA, American ship, Capt. Gaffey.—  
JARDINE, Matheson & Co.

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—  
June 23.—  
Pronto, German steamer, 655, C. Stuar.  
Tiantan June 16, Bonos.—BUTTERFIELD &  
SWINE.

June 24.—  
Tamarind, Norwegian steamer, 739, L.  
Cantberg, Newchwang June 18, Beals.—  
WIELEN & Co.

Gastie, British steamer, 3,492, Pearse,  
San Francisco and Yokohama June 19,  
Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Formosa, British str., 680, A. J. Robson,  
Tamsui via Amoy, and Swatow June 23,  
General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Yokohama, British steamer, 1,194 R. C.  
Bradley, Shanghai June 20, and Swatow  
23, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Poolekang, British steamer, 991, S. Wilde,  
Wuhu June 17, and Chinkiang 19, Rice,  
& Co.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

June 25:—  
Hiddel, British 4-masted barque, 2,600,  
McDonald, New York February 28, Krisbie  
Oil.—DAVID SASSON, Sons & Co.

June 26:—  
Lyneham, German str., from Canton.  
China, German steamer, 1,113, P. Voss,  
Chinkiang June 20, Bawas.—MECHERS &  
Co.

Hert, British ship, 1,399, John Rowe,  
New York June 16, Oil.—JARDINE, MATHESON  
& Co.

To Depart:—  
Per Frey, for Hoihow, 49 Chinese.

Per Phra Chula Chom Klao, for Hoihow.

Per Tai Yick, for Newchwang.

DEPARTURES.—  
June 24:—  
Fookang, for Canton.

Kettler, British gunboat, for Bangkok.

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Bankers, thanks to which the charge for interest on working account is less by some \$720 than last year. The amount of debt bills payable is for cost of invoices and material from home required for the installation of new machinery to come. As regards some other items in the working account: Costs show an increase in cost of some \$1520—which is easily accounted for by the enhanced price we have had to pay for our supplies for many months past. Stores have increased by about \$420, more material being required for the work in hand and in prospect, and the decline in exchange having added to the laying down cost. It will be seen that we make no appropriation for depreciation, but the Buildings and machinery are kept in thorough repair and good order, and if taken at a current rate of exchange they would form an amount much above their cost to our Company. We are also unable to declare any dividend, but trust that the time is not very far distant when our Profit and Loss Account will not only provide for dividends but for depreciation also, and this may add for remuneration to the Directors who again forgo their fees as stated in the Report, the Directors have given the required power to the shareholders on the Legislative Council to publish a recent dispatch which His Excellency wrote to Lord Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to the outbreak of bubonic plague, the Governor has sent us a copy of the dispatch, which we give below:—

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.  
Dr. Manden and Bebblock, R.N., have been despatched from Japan by Admiral Fremantle to render assistance with plague patients. The doctors arrived by the American mail steamer *Gode* yesterday. The following were the statistics for the twenty-four hours to noon yesterday:—

	Yester.	Today.	Diff.
Admissions	0 6 11	7 24 1	+ 18
Deaths	0 6 10	11 39 1	+ 33
Discharges	0 0 2	2 2 0	- 2
Under-treatment	8 45 22	81 15 6	+ 56

The following were the statistics for the twenty-four hours to noon to-day:—

	Yester.	Today.	Diff.
Admissions	0 6 9	10 15 1	+ 9
Deaths	0 6 10	10 15 1	+ 5
Under-treatment	8 45 25	77 15 1	+ 32

THIS EXCERPT'S DESPATCH TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

He, the Governor, having been requested by the Hon. Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council to publish a recent dispatch which His Excellency wrote to Lord Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to the outbreak of bubonic plague, the Governor has sent us a copy of the dispatch, which we give below:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Hongkong, 20th June, 1894.

My Lord Marquess—I had the honour to receive from your Lordship on the 16th June the following telegram:—Keep me informed progress of bubonic plague. Send names of any Europeans dying or attacked reporting number of departure and what arrangements contemplated in Chinese quarter. What will be the effect on Finance. Did plague originate in China and if so did you take any preventive measures against its introduction. Telegraph reply.

I accordingly replied on the same day:—

In answer to your telegram of 16th June total mortality to date 1,900. Latest statistical returns more satisfactory. Ten British soldiers attacked. Two dead—Captain Vesey, Private Gibson. Others convalescent. Departures approximately estimated 80,000. Infected district closed, adopting necessary measures. Resumption intended. Commercial interests seriously affected, labour scarce. Assistance from Imperial Government of issue of fresh leave necessary. Bubonic plague endemic parts of China. Originated here and spread for 10th May. All steamship passengers medically examined. Will telegraph later.

Your Lordship will have received my Despatches Nos. 116, 116, 121, 122, 123, 127, 128, 129 and 132, and my telegram of the 18th May, 2nd, 4th, and 18th June, in reference to the epidemic which has been in existence in this Colony since the beginning of last May.

At the risk of repeating some of the statements I have made in those communications it may be convenient to your Lordship that I should forward to you my narrative, disjointed though it may be, of the principal incidents that have occurred in connection with the plague during the last month.

On my return to the Colony from Japan on the 16th May, after 8 weeks' leave of absence, I found that Major-General Barker who had been administering the Government since the 30th April, owing to the sudden departure on account of illness of Mr. O'Brien, the Colonial Secretary, had issued a proclamation on the 10th May, defining Hongkong to be infected. Port and Customs and the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance, No. 24 of 1887.

A Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board, consisting of three members who had theretofore been appointed, and these gentlemen who, in conjunction with Dr. Lowson, Dr. Penny, R.N., and Surgeon Major James, have since acted with extraordinary energy and efficiency, at once issued Bye-Laws and Regulations, which I have already forwarded to you and which were without delay passed and confirmed by the Executive Council and ultimately legalized by the Legislative Council.

7. Hospitals were at once established (1) on board the *Hyacinth*, (2) at Kennedy Town Police Station, (3) on the 20th May at the Glass Works at Kennedy Town. The first two were managed by the Government doctors and the lady nurses from the Government Hospital, the latter was handed over to the Tung Wah Hospital Committee and worked by Chinese doctors under the supervision of the Colonial Medical Staff and a Naval Doctor (Dr. Penny). It was deemed advisable to give the Chinese Consul general at Hongkong a copy of the Bye-Laws and Regulations, and to the Consul at Peking requesting him to lay the same before the Chinese Government.

16. With a view of stopping the anti-foreign feeling which was then existing serious proportion in Canton, at the instigation probably of persons here I requested the Consul, Mr. B. B. Bruce, to seek an immediate interview with the Viceroy and to demand the consideration of these libellous and malignant placards. The Viceroy I am bound to say with apparent readiness issued a proclamation which, as you will see from my Despatch No. 125 of the 29th May, I did not consider sufficiently explicit as it was in too general terms. I therefore requested the Consul to see the Viceroy again and to point out to him that in my opinion his proclamation was not nearly adequate to the occasion. The Viceroy thereupon issued a second proclamation which appeared more to the purpose but which, coming too late, had little effect on the already exasperated ruffians in his Province. The Registrar General then at my desire drew up a proclamation which was issued throughout Hongkong warning persons from giving credence to the lies which were current as to the treatment of patients and others in our hospitals, and stating in the simplest language what the treatment was, what object the Government had in view, and how carefully and with due regard to Chinese customs (as far as to the nature of the disease would admit) the Chinese of their dead friends and relatives were disposed of. I have forwarded all the correspondence which has passed between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. B. B. Bruce on these subjects, as well as subsequent correspondence respecting the brutal attack by the rowdies of Canton on two American Lady Missionary Doctors, to Her Majesty's Minister at Peking requesting him to lay the same before the Chinese Government.

16. It is to be hoped, though I fear such hope is not likely to be realized, that some strong repressive measures will be taken to prevent such outrageous proceedings in future in reference to the subjects of friendly power.

17. On the 16th June the Consul informed me that the Viceroy had promised to assure the safety of the Consulates, but that he could not be responsible for the conduct of the people towards foreigners in the villages, etc., outside of Canton, and that therefore missionaries and foreigners had better keep themselves within doors.

8. Under these circumstances the necessity of a vigorous house to house visitation became most apparent and the Military and Naval authorities, Major-General Barker and Commodore Hayes, at the suggestion of the Government, rendered every possible assistance in this direction. Naval and Military doctors were furnished, and at least 200 men from the Shropshire Regiment, and officers and men from the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery detachments were amongst others, detailed for the duty of house to house visitation and for cleaning and disinfecting the houses in which cases of the plague had occurred.

9. At this time, about the 21st May, the greatest dissatisfaction was shown by the Chinese community in regard to the methods of sanitation. We were employing

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10. On enquiry I found that these complaints were much exaggerated and that the majority of the Chinese, after being made to understand what the object was which the Government had in view, did not object to the visitation, but even assisted those detailed to search their houses and to disinfect and cleanse them when necessary.

A large delegation of Chinese waited upon me, nevertheless, requesting that the house to house visitation should cease and that they might take their sick away from the *Hyacinth* and the Kennedy Town Hospital altogether. As already reported in my Despatch of the 23rd May, No. 121, I had to inform these gentlemen in pretty strong terms that Hongkong was a British colony and, as they had chosen to reside in it, they must submit to the laws of the colony, and that the Government had no right to interfere with their business if not dangerous sweeping banners in the middle of a street and gave the Sanitary Board every possible encouragement and assistance.

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time defamatory and libellous placards were posted up in Hongkong, and, later on, in larger numbers in Canton attributing the most gaudily orna- to the English doctors, charging them in fact with cutting open pregnant women and with scooping out the eyes of children in order to make medicines for the treatment of plague-stricken patients.

11. Your Lordship will find it difficult to believe that after upwards of 50 years' occupation of Hongkong, and after more than 30 years of benign, not to say paternal, Government, Chinese residents in this British Dependency could be found, who were ignorant enough to believe such statements and treacherous enough to give them currency. Such, however, is unfortunately the case.

12. As they had been some opposition to the Police in the Chinese quarter, the day previous to this, these statements were like a bomb to inflame the passions of the mob. I immediately requested the Commodore to anchor a gunboat opposite to the Tung Wah Hospital and Taipingshan, and Commodore Bayes at once moved the *Twelve Apostles* into the position I indicated. I also offered a handsome reward for any information which would lead to the arrest and conviction of the author of these disgraceful placards. There can be no doubt that these steps had a very salutary effect as no more placards have been issued here.

13. The epidemic a little later than the date of the above mentioned occurrence, notwithstanding the heavy rains, amounted altogether to some 250 cases, was evidently the increase. The exodus of panic-stricken Chinese was also on the increase, houses being emptied of their clerks, their children by hundreds deserted their schools without warning, and many domestic servants applied for the amount of their wages then due to them to go to Canton or to join their families on the mainland. No less than 200 men left the China Sugar Factory one morning, and, crossing over to Kowloon, started to walk to Swatow, a distance of 160 miles. At this time the admissions to the hospitals were 67, 70, and 80 a day, and the deaths in hospital and the dead bodies collected outside were on one occasion 109 in 24 hours.

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